

Exhibit 4: Joint Powers Agreement

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (California Government Code § 6502)

Urban Watershed Garden Los Angeles River Watershed

The State Coastal Conservancy (“the Coastal Conservancy”) and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (“the Mountains Conservancy”) agree as follows:

Pertinent facts

- A. The Coastal Conservancy is an agency of the State of California charged under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code with preserving and enhancing coastal areas and providing public access to and along the coast of California, including in the Santa Monica Mountains.
- B. The Mountains Conservancy is an agency of the State of California charged under Division 23 of the Public Resources Code with preserving and enhancing and providing public access to the Santa Monica Mountains Zone, including the coast.
- C. Each of the parties has the ability to award grants to specified public agencies and nonprofit organizations within its respective geographic jurisdiction to achieve the purposes of its respective enabling statutes.
- D. California Government Code § 6502 authorizes public agencies to exercise jointly by agreement any power common to the agreeing agencies, notwithstanding that one or more of the agencies lacks geographic jurisdiction.
- E. The parties share an interest in assisting in the development of a nature center in the Santa Monica Mountains (the Center for Community Forestry), including environmental education exhibits that will: 1) promote public participation in the conservation of land, water, and wildlife resources; 2) serve to educate visitors about the nature of urban watersheds and their interface with the coastal and marine environment; and 3) serve children from urban areas that lack access to natural areas of outdoor programs, and therefore

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desire that the Coastal Conservancy provide a grant of funds to public agencies or nonprofit organizations for this purpose.

- F. Although the project site is within the Los Angeles River coastal watershed, the site is also located within the non-coastal zone portion of the Santa Monica Mountains Zone and the Coastal Conservancy does not have geographical jurisdiction in this area.
- G. The parties therefore wish to enter into this joint powers agreement to assure that they can achieve their mutual aim of developing environmental education exhibits and facilities at the Center for Community Forestry.

The parties agree as follows, in light of the pertinent facts, above:

- 1. The parties shall work cooperatively in the development of new environmental education exhibits and facilities at the Center for Community Forestry.
- 2. Each of the parties may exercise its respective grant-making authority in this area for purposes of completing the project.

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY

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